

Aircraft noise is a critical national environmental issue. As we modernize our aviation infrastructure, our local communities should work with federal agencies to develop new technologies and procedures to confront the problem. I recently highlighted several new initiatives like Continuous Descent Approach, fan blade shaping and advanced auto-throttle systems at [a symposium on aviation noise and air quality](#) . I also want to recognize the model partnership formed between the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) and NASA.